T&D losses. The measures taken by the Government for achieving energy conservation include intensive study of demand side management, energy audit, studies for reduction of secondary fuel oil consumption in Thermal Power Stations, cogeneration and effective media compaign to increase public awareness.

Unutilised External Credit

254. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount in rupees as well as in US dollers, of external credit offered to the country at various periods that is lying unutilised and the reasons for the non-utilisation;

(b) the interest and commitment charges paid out an account of such unutilised foreign aid in each of the years since 1991-92; and

(c) measures proposed to bring down the level of such non-utilisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHARA MURTHY): (a) The undisbursed amount of foreign assistance during the last three years is as follows:

Rs. Crore/US$ Million

	31.3.93		31.3.94		31.3.95	
	Rupees	US$	Rupees	US$	Rupees	US$
Govt. Loans	74587.27	23987.287	46002.56	14716.110	42132.39	13396.626
Non-Govt. Loans.	5924.57	1911.132	5887.17	1883.292	6379.57	2028.480
Grants	6247.77	2009.285	7976.03	2551.513	6811.58	2165.844
	86777.61	27907.704	59865.76	19150.915	55323.54	17590.951
Exchange Rate as at the end of March 1 US$ — Rs.	31.0945		31.2600		31.4500	

Most of the aid is project tied. The reasons for unutilised aid can be traced to time profile of projects which is usually 5 to 7 years, exchange rate fluctuations, inadequate provision of counterpart funds, delays in land acquisition, procurement and contracting delays, startup delays and other project specific issues.

(b) No interest in being paid on unutilised foreign aid. However, the details of commitment charges paid during these years on account of Govt. loans are as under

Year	Commitment Charges Paid (Rs. Crore)
1991-92	59.40
1992-93	68.37

Year	Commitment (Rs. Crore)
1993-94	69.70
1994-95	59.63

(c) Ensuring adequate provisioning for externally aided projects, release of ACA as 100% additionality, advance release ACA to the States, standardisation of bidding documents and streamilining of procurement procedures, disintermediating on flow of external aid to Central PSU's, Portfolio Rationalisation and setting up of Project Management Unit in the Department of Economic Affairs are some of the steps taken by the Government to improve aid utilisation.